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TAGS: PFOR, NATO, GW, WB, US, UK, FR

SUBJECT: PROPOSED VISIT TO WEST BERLIN BY NATO
AMBASSADORS AND SYG

1. FRG REP (LUECKING) AT OCT 9 BONN GROUP MEETING REPORTED THAT FRG AMB TO NATO KRAPF HAD SUGGESTED TO HIS NATO COLLEAGUES THAT TRIP BY THEM TO WEST BERLIN WOULD BE USEFUL. LUECKING SAID THIS WAS RESURRECTION OF PAST PRACTICE IN WHICH NATO AMBASSADORS WENT "PRIVATELY" TO BERLIN TO ATTEND OPERA, ETC., AND MEET WITH MAYOR. SOME NINE AMBASSADORS PLUS SYG LUNS HAVE INDICATED INTENTION TO GO, WITH TRIP TENTATIVELY SET FOR 26-28 OCT. (US, UK AND FRENCH AMBS, ACCORDING TO FRG, HAVE ALREADY INDICATED THEY UNABLE TO PARTICIPATE).

2. ALLIED REPS, EXPRESSING VIEW THAT INVITATIONS FROM AK OR AT LEAST FROM ONE OF THREE IN BERLIN ARE PREFERABLE, AGREED TO REPORT. FRENCH REP (BOISSIEU) CONFIDENTIAL

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WAS PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT LUNS SINCE (SAID

BOISSIEU) HE A PART OF NATO STRUCTURE AND NOT "JUST"
A REPRESENTATIVE TO NATO. BOISSIEU AGREED, HOWEVER,
THAT AK OR EACH COMMANDANT COULD INVITE ANYONE. FRG
REP TOOK POINT ABOUT ALLIED INVITATIONS FOR SUCH VISITS,
BUT SAID HE UNDERSTOOD IN LAST CASE (1970 DURING FILM
FESTIVAL) THE FRG HAD INVITED THE NATO AMBASSADORS.

3. COMMENT: WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY DETAILS ON THIS,
AND PREVIOUS CASES, WHICH USNATO AND USBER CAN PROVIDE.
WE THINK AS MATTER OF PRINCIPLE THAT SUCH VISITS
SHOULD BE UNDER ALLIED AEGIS AND WILL CONTINUE TO TAKE
THIS LINE UNLESS INSTRUCTED TO THE CONTRARY.

4. FOR BERLIN. WOULD SOME KIND OF AK INVITATIONS/
SPONSORSHIP BE POSSIBLE ON SUCH SHORT NOTICE FOR
OCT 26-28? WE UNDERSTAND THAT ONLY ITEMS TENTATIVELY
ON ITINERARY ARE PERFORMANCE OF THE MAGIC FLUTE AND
SESSION WITH MAYOR SCHUETZ.
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